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WILLIAM AND MARY DEFEATS V. P. I. TWICE IN JOINT DEBATE

Decisions Unanimous Here and At Blacksburg.
First Contest Between These Institutions.

"Resolved, That legislation should be enacted to provide for primary elections throughout the United States at which the voters of the several parties may choose their nominees for the Presidency without the intervention of nominating conventions."

This was the question for debate in the joint contest between V. P. I. and William and Mary, in which the Williamsburg speakers scored a double victory over the Techs. Four teams in all debated this question, two at Williamsburg and two in Blacksburg. The home team in both places upheld the negative side of the question. At both places were the decisions unanimous in favor of the William and Mary debaters.

At V. P. I. Messrs. W. M. Grimsley and R. H. Gurley, of William and Mary, opposed Messrs. L. S. Fletcher and J. W. Ponton, of the home team. The arguments on both sides were forceful and were followed by spirited rebuttals. The decision was unanimous in favor of the visiting team.

In the College Chapel Messrs. R. E. P. Ham and G. C. Outland opposed Messrs. G. L. Bowman and P. S. Campbell, of V. P. I. The debates on both sides were carefully arranged, and well delivered. It was apparent in the rebuttal, however, that the William and Mary team had a more complete mastery of the subject than the visitors. Mr. G. C. Outland was conceded to have the best paper, both as to completeness of detail and strength of the arguments advanced. The judges, President Tyler, Dr. Wilson and Professor Ferguson, voted unanimously in favor of the negative.

This is the first joint debate ever held between V. P. I. and William and Mary and steps are being taken to make arrangements for the establishing of this debate as a regular annual contest.

FLAT HAT IN CORNERSTONE

A copy of last week's Flat Hat was deposited in the cornerstone of the Methodist church now building at Toano. Mr. L. B. Ferguson, a member of the Masonic delegation to the dedication, put a copy of the Flat Hat in the cornerstone along with the Flat Hat.

COBURN PLAYERS COMING MAY 13. TWO OPEN-AIR PERFORMANCES

"As You Like It" and "Merry Wives of Windsor" To Be Staged On Back Campus.

The coming of the Coburn players for two open-air performances on the grounds of the College of William and Mary on Wednesday, May 13, when they will present "As You Like It" in the afternoon and at night "Merry Wives of Windsor," will be one of the most notable events of the season in Williamsburg.

The Coburn Players have attracted widespread attention at Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Bryn Mawr and many other colleges where their performances have been of much interest. They appear under their auspices yearly and the heads of these institutions are unanimous in praising the unusually fine performances of this band of woodland players. An interesting feature of the performances is that they will be given with only the sky for a roof and with a natural background of trees and shrubs for the setting. The night performance will be lighted by powerful calciums which throw the tree-bordered stage into fine relief and the audience into obscurity, as it should be. The music incidental to the performance is not played by instruments but sung by a chorus of men's voices rendering the quaint old songs of Shakespeare's day in an exquisitely entertaining fashion. The company is a particularly good one, composed as it is of men and women who besides being thoroughly competent and experienced actors are Shakespearean students, as well, who bring their enthusiasm to bear in their various parts.

In the production of the plays the greatest care has been exercised to insure the absolute authenticity of the costumes, songs and other details of the performance.

DANCE

The gymnasium Saturday night was the scene of a delightful informal hop. About fifty couples danced and enjoyed a pleasant evening until midnight. Refreshments were served and music was furnished by the Victrola Company.

The dance was held to raise funds to secure a band for the Richmond College game next week and Mr. J. W. Smith reports that the dance netted enough to pay for a good-sized band at the game.

ACADEMY GETS TWO OUT OF THREE GAMES. BEATS VARSITY

Preps Playing Good Ball. "Pothooks" Jones Shows Pitching Form.

The Academy team, in three games last week, defeated Hampton High and the Varsity ball tossers, but dropped one to Newport News High. The preps are showing considerable class, are batting well and make fast time on the bases. Ned Spencer and "Pothooks" Jones are a pair of twirlers far above the average of prep school pitchers.

W. M. A 20—H. H. S. 0

On Wednesday, Hampton High got the short end of a farce game, the Academy accumulating twenty runs while the crabmen were unable to hit Spencer and were let down with a shut-out. Neblett garnered five hits in as many trips to the plate and was the batting star for the locals. The score:

	R	H	E
H. H. S.....	0	0	0
W. M. A.....	20	5	8

PREPS 9—VARSITY 5

Thursday the Varsity and the preps hooked up for their annual battle, which proved rather disastrous to the big fellows. "Pothooks" Jones was invincible and had the Varsity batters feeding out of his hand. Shackelford was not so fortunate, and backed by loose support, allowed nine runs. The score:

	R	H	E
Academy.....	2	0	0
Varsity.....	9	6	3

N. N. H. S. 2—W. M. A. 1

Friday morning the ducs journeyed to Newport News and lost to the shipbuilders, score 2 to 1. "Pothooks" Jones pitched, making two games in as many days, yet acquitted himself nobly, allowing only five hits. The preps were unable to bat behind him in the pinches where hits would count. The game was fast and interesting. Crockett for the Academy got two of their five hits; the entire team played good ball in the field.

	R	H	E
W. M. A.....	0	0	0
N. N. H. S.....	1	0	0

L. W. LANE III. SICK

Mr. L. W. Lane, for three years a student of the College and now engaged in managing his father's farm on Neck of Land, was stricken with appendicitis last Tuesday and was removed to a hospital in Richmond where an operation was performed. The latest report states that he is fast recovering.

SOLDIERS BEAT WILLIAM & MARY IN FAST GAME. SCORE, 3—1

58th Co., of Ft. Monroe, With Kirby Pitching Holds Collegians Safe.

The 58th Co. started training for the war with Huerta by trouncing the locals in a pill game 3—1. The would-be Mexican-killers displayed their science of the game in direct proportion to the Loonies' boneheadedness (profuse apologies to Malbert, old top, for the fitting soubriquet on this occasion.) Phrenology, the lost "art," came to the editor's aid and after complete examination of "Long Jawn's" dome announced two indications pointing to bonehead propensities, one when he failed to score from second with two down and the ball smashed out of the field of vision; the other when he assumed the pose of a broken-backed chicken and winged the ball to the diminutive "Yank," who cut several gyrations in the ozone in order to watch the pill meander to Pill-box Jones in right field.

Garnett felt right much indisposed because he allowed four singles and didn't punch twenty-seven men, including the peanut vender. Kirby was more fortunate for he got off with giving but three scattered safeties.

Newton, not knowing his exact function in left field, started tangoing when he saw the pill splitting the upper ethereal zone. Having no partner's foot to step on, he put his left and his right and vice versa, stumbled, consoled his pet corn and later made a start after the bulb. Immediate result: Tracy grew tired of talking to Addington at second and strolled in to tickle Coombs under the chin and hear him cuss. Shiers performed a similar tangoing stunt using the initial sack as his pasture, and Tracy scored again.

The plot thickened and interest deepened in the ninth. Two down; bases as empty as the bill compartment of a student's pocketbook; Taylor chosen as pinch hitter. Ye gods, a chance to win immortal fame was flung to the breeze, for the would-be Cobb proved as effective as a corn cob.

	R	H	E
58 Co.....	1	0	0
W. and M.....	3	4	5

Batteries: 58 Co. Kirby and Golden; W. & M. Garnett and Coombs, Umpire, Mr. Graves. Time, 1.32.

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ROUGH-HOUSE TACTICS

When a professor in his lecture room assumes an attitude of sarcastic superiority and treats his classes as if they were a gathering of six-year-olds, it is a matter to be adjusted by the professor and his class. But when he attempts to employ these tactics on the entire student body assembled in Chapel, it is time to apply the brakes.

The dismissal of the assembly in Chapel Thursday was wholly uncalled for and the manner in which it was done exposes the gentleman to charges of disregard of the first essentials of polite manners.

Four days a week devotional exercises are held in Chapel, attendance being optional. On two days attendance is compulsory. The aim of compulsory Chapel is ostensibly to get the student body together for the purpose of making announcements and for a discussion of matters of importance and interest. Such being the case, where is the justification of dismissing the assembly Thursday in the midst of an important discussion? Where further, can the gentleman find justification for the boorish manner in which it was accomplished—without explanation and without opportunity for appeal?

To the gentleman we say, rough-house tactics will not be tolerated by the students of William and Mary; they demand at all times the courteous usages that prevail among gentlemen.

MOTHERS' DAY

Next Sunday, May 10, is the date set for the observance of Mothers'

Day. A white flower, worn in the coat lapel on this day, is external evidence, at least, of sympathy with the sentiment which caused the inauguration of this custom. Of course it is entirely unnecessary to set forth the reasons why each one of us on this day should wear this white badge of love and reverence. To endeavor to sing in fitting phrases the love and honor of G-d's most beautiful creature, Mother, would be to attempt that to which mortal pen has never done justice—and never can.

We intend this merely as a reminder, a sign-post on life's road, pointing to Sunday, May 10, the day of the white flower—Mothers' Day.

THE GYMNASIUM

The students ARE, or are NOT entitled to the use of the gymnasium for dances. The question should be settled, now and for all time. Why is it that every time a dance is contemplated emissaries must be sent to the president, the athletic director, the student-activity committee, the engineer and other high powers that be, to humbly crave permission to use the gymnasium? If the students are entitled to it (and why not, in view of the gym-fee?) an end should be put to the boot-licking and begging that seem to be a necessary preface to every dance held in the College gymnasium.

EXCURSION TO RICHMOND

The baseball management has arranged for an excursion to the Richmond baseball game on Tuesday, May 12. The baseball team will leave on the early local train in order to get some practice on the Broad street diamond. The excursion will leave Williamsburg at 1 p. m. Returning, the train will leave Richmond at 10.45 p. m. Round trip tickets \$1.45. Arrangements can be made at the C. & O. depot at 12.80 on day of the excursion.

FREE TICKETS TO COBURN PLAYERS

Mr. John Tyler, who is bringing the Coburn Players to William and Mary, makes the following offer: To the member of the local team getting the largest number of hits in the championship game with Richmond College he will give two tickets—one for the afternoon and one for the evening performance. In the event of a tie lots will be drawn for the seats.

LECTURE

Dr. J. S. Wilson on next Monday at 3 p. m. will lecture on the two plays to be given by the Coburn Players next week. The lecture will be in the nature of a brief outline of the plays, designed to refresh the memory of those who have forgotten the plots and the characters, or to explain them in brief to those not acquainted with them. Monday, from three to four.

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The coaching staff of the baseball team this morning gave out the following statement:

Dr. Draper said: "The team is fast getting into shape; they struck a batting slump last week but are now recovering their slugging eyes. We will be ready for Randolph-Macon Saturday and barring accidents should have no trouble registering a victory."

Coach Savage, in speaking to a Flat Hat representative in the bank building this morning, said: "The Randolph-Macon team is probably the weakest in the league. With Garnett in good form we may confidently expect a victory. The big fellow can win the game if given two runs, and from the way the boys are meeting the ball we should score at least six. It is fortunate that we did not have a championship game last week because the team was wallowing in a miserable slump. But they have found themselves now and no team in the league can stop them. As far as my judgment goes we should win all three of the coming games if the big fellow is right- and he will be."

Capt. Peachy, when approached, refused to make a statement, but finally said: "The team expects to bring the cup to Williamsburg this year."

WEDNESDAY NEXT WEEK

The Flat Hat will be issued next week on Wednesday instead of Tuesday, in order to publish the result of the championship game with Richmond College.

RALLY FRIDAY

There will be a rally at the College Friday night in preparation for the Randolph-Macon game. All students are requested to meet on the Chapel steps promptly at seven p. m. The presence of every student in College is necessary to make the rally a complete success and it is hoped that there will be a full attendance.

OUT OF COMMISSION

The new shower bath recently purchased by Mr. Bridges has been the victim of someone's careless treatment. The handle on the steam side was broke off and an order has been filed for a new piece to replace it. Mr. Bridges is unable to ascertain whether it was broken by students or by the town boys who have frequented the gymnasium of late. The cost of the new piece will be taken out of the contingent fees.

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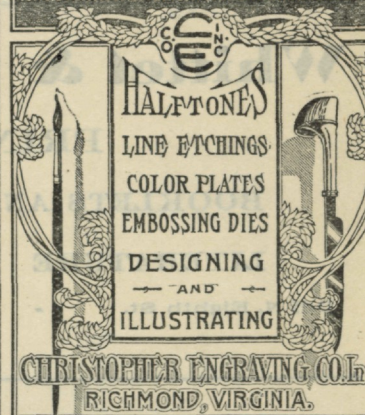
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The bulletin of the third session of the William and Mary Summer School will contain announcements of several new courses. Dr. Alfred J. Morrison, of Toledo, Ohio, and formerly engaged in research work in history at the Congressional Library in Washington, will give the history work at Dublin. A new feature will be introduced in the form of a lecture on Mexico, South America and Western Asia. The course will treat of the diplomatic and commercial relations of these places to the United States. Dr. Morrison has recently completed an investigation of the subject and the course promises to be one of great interest and value. Dr. Morrison's connection with the authorities in Washington enables him to speak authoritatively on the subject of his lectures.

Prof. Wysor, of V. P. I., will give two courses in agriculture. One will be a course in general agriculture and the other will be a practical demonstration of methods of judging and breeding stock.

Dr. Draper, physician of the College, will give a series of twenty lectures on medical inspection for teachers and the relation of physical examination to personal and school hygiene.

RESIGNATION

Mr. J. R. McAllister, during the past session associate editor of the Flat Hat, last Friday tendered his resignation from the staff. The reason assigned for Mr. McAllister's action is that he has not time to devote to the work. The three vacancies on the staff will not be filled this year in view of the fact that the session is nearing its close.

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WRESTLING TO-MORROW

To-morrow night at 8 there will be a wrestling match at the Palace Theatre. Young Nelson, now of Williamsburg, will hook up with Jack Grady, of Richmond. Nelson is the ex-champion lightweight of Canada and has won a victory from George Herbert, who wrestled here some time ago. Grady signs the challenge with the subscript: "The man who challenges the world at his weight." Both men have reputations behind them for cleverness and speed. The match should be a fast one. The decision will be given on the best two falls out of three. Moving pictures will be shown between bouts.

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